Renewal of Passport of Shri Ajitabh Bachchan

72}. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Shri Ajitabh Bachchan had applied for lenewal of his passport in April 1986, givhg his address of residence as °f Bombay, as reported in INDIA TODAY of 30th September 1988; if so, whether it was verified and found to be correct:

(b) what was the place of employment and the name of the employer mentioned and whether they were also verified; and

(c) whether it is a fact that later on lie had claimed that he wa.s an NRI since 28th February, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWAR1J: (a) Shri Ajitabh Bachchan applied for a passport •on 2.5.1986 to the Passport Officer. Bombay and was issued a new passport on 3.61986 after checking necessary verifi-cat'on reports from the concerned local ;poIice authorities.

(b) The Passport application form does not require a private applicant to iiive name and address of his employer.

(c) During the course of proceedings unde-FERA, Shri Ajitabh Bachchan claimed that he hid become a person resident outside India with effect f[onl] 28 February 1986.

Meeting for Abolition of Octroi

724. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA;

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to answer 10 Unstarred Question No. 212 .en in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August. 1988 and state:

(a) what was the outcome of the special meeting of It. Governors|Representatives of Union Territory Administrations regarding aboJition of octroi which, took place in February, 1988; arid

(b) what follow-up action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STAT$_E$ OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The meeting held in February, 88 with L,Cs and other representatives of UT Admits reviewed the position with regard to-steps beini; taken for abolition of $_s$ystem of octroi. The system prevalent in Andaman & Nicobar has been held to correspond to entry-tax having no irritants of Octroi, It was decided that the proces--may be correctly lei med for information of all concerned. Representatives of Daman & Diu and Pondicherry Adminis trations agreed to examine the feasibility of adjustment in the rates of sales tax or levy of surcharge on sabs tax, as an alternative source. Delhi Admn. undertook to expeditiously study various aspects of Entry Tax system to consider replace- ment of existing system of terminal tax.

In response to the intimations from UT Admns. about on-going examination, they have been add'essed to complete (he exercise and fimlize proposals to replace the Octroi system.

Residency of Shri Ajitabh Bachchan Switzerland

725. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are dates and period of Shri Ajitabh Bnchchan"s residenc Switzerland, as per his passport;

(b) whether he is holding a Swiss wort: permit and also a resident visa; if so. since when; and

(c) whether he has' been accorded a NRI status since 28th February, 1986 as reported in INDIA TODAY dated the thirtieth September. 1988; if so of which country visa he is holding since 28th